

In order to effect this, it will not be amiss to consider where the Difficulty lies in concurring in a Business of so much Consequence, and so unanimously desired: The chiefest appears to be the Jealousy that is between the Two Houses of our Legislature; for as the Upper House is chiefly constituted of such Gentlemen, who enjoy the most considerable Publick Offices in the Province, which are attended with large Revenues; And the Lower House, who are the Representatives of the Country, have very few Advantages from those Publick Offices, and are sensible that those they represent do not enjoy any of these beneficial Places, they are therefore apprehensive, that whatever is suggested by any Member of the other House, is with some private View. And further, that whatever Law can be made to raise the Price of Tobacco, only serves to inhanse the Income of the Publick Officers, having by Experience found, that the *Tobacco-Laws* which have been made, have had scarce any other Effect, than Raising the Price of Tobacco in the Country, without affecting the Markets in *Europe*. This is certainly a Consequence which ought to be avoided; otherwise any Attempt to relieve the Province, which is attended with this Circumstance, wou'd but the more speedily and effectually accomplish its Ruin.

To obviate this, many Attempts have been made, to lessen the Officers Fees, and all publick Dues, in Proportion to the Quantity that was proposed to be lessened, of what was usually made: This Attempt has always been without Effect, for it is hard to find such a Medium as will be agreed on to be a just Equivalent, but that either the Gentlemen who are in the Publick Offices will think it too much lessens their Service, or the Country, that they are too much augmented. This is really a Difficulty hard to overcome; yet, if all Parties are truly Patriots of their Country, as in Charity we ought to

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